

Weld Seattle – 1426 Jackson Reintegration Resource Center

Statements of Support from Community Partners

SEATTLE, WA—1426, a new reentry resource center, will provide connection to housing, employment, mental health, and recovery resources for system-impacted individuals. The building, located at 1426 S Jackson Street, was donated to Weld in 2019 by Sarah and Rich Barton, co-founder and CEO of Zillow. “Weld does important, and too often unnoticed, work to create a long-lasting support system around those reconnecting to the community following reentry from the criminal justice system, where Black inmates outnumber white inmates 5:1,” **said Barton.** “Weld’s approach works because they are focused on doing more than finding housing and employment for their members; they build a foundation for each person’s long-term success. Sarah and I are honored to help provide a new, long-term home for Weld where they can expand their services and fulfill their mission of helping people who have been incarcerated gain the support and confidence to flourish and thrive.”

“Having a physical space in the city that allows us to provide comprehensive services to reintegrating citizens has always been part of our dream. Weld was created with the intention of community collaboration. Creating a space where people with lived experience have a voice and a platform to initiate necessary change is the key to our ongoing success in disrupting systemic inequities in Seattle,” **explained Weld founder Amy King.** “In a time when the appropriate path to public safety is being questioned, the purpose of 1426 feels more important and relevant than ever. We are so grateful to the Barton’s for their generosity and look forward to identifying other sponsors and partners that can help us achieve our fundraising goal so we can start renovations and implement more programs as soon as possible.”

Other services offered at 1426 will include health and wellness programming, connection to legal resources, mentorship, adult education classes, family reunification assistance, connection to public services, and trauma informed yoga, art, and music therapy. “I’m honored to support the work that 1426 is doing as they assist in multiple facets to combat homelessness. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to support criminal justice reform as well as innovative housing solutions over the years both with my family and through Pearl Jam. As an artist myself, I know firsthand the power of art and the capacity it has as a medium to expressing and releasing difficult experiences. 1426 takes many of my passions and brings them together into one cohesive and comprehensive model that we are excited to see take shape and impact Seattle,” **Mike McCready, Pearl Jam said.**

1426’s director, Carolyn Presnell embodies the spirit of the intent for the space. As a graduated Weld member, she is equipped with lived experience and passion for the target population 1426 seeks to serve. “Weld’s model for reducing recidivism and rebuilding lives is proven. We see great potential for a partnership that combines Weld’s model with the creation of career

opportunities in construction, where the development sector needs a pipeline of talent for family wage jobs,” **Ada Healey, Chief Real Estate Officer, Vulcan Real Estate explained.**